

**PARKS & RECREATION BOARD MINUTES**  
**TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 12, 2013**  
**6:15 P.M.**

The Parks and Recreation Board met on the above date and time in the Council Chambers, 270 W. 15<sup>th</sup> Street. President Sue Otte called the meeting to order. Members present were: Aaron Gurley, James Zachery and Dave Malson. Will St. John and Paul Barada were absent. Also present was Parks Director Danny Mathews, Secretary Carla Sharpe, Attorney Tracy Newhouse and Park Liaison Brad Berkemeier.

**Minutes:** Minutes of August 13, 2013 was presented for approval. Malson moved to approve the minutes for August 13<sup>th</sup>. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried. August 13<sup>th</sup> minutes approved.

No meeting in September due to storms.

No meeting in October due to lack of quorum.

**Claims Approval:** Reviewed prior to meeting by Zachery and Gurley. Zachery moved to approve the claims for the month. Gurley seconded the motion. Motion carried. Claims approved for the month.

**Mayor's Report:** None at this time.

**Parks Director's Report:** Mathews reported he went through the interview at the Rush County Community Foundation for grant money to finish out the Laughlin Park shelter. He is in hopes of getting the money to finish out the shelter to put heat and air in it so we can rent it out all year round. We should find out if we got this on or around November 22<sup>nd</sup>.

Mathews reported we had a great Halloween costume parade and a great Halloween haunted trail. Both were a big success. Looking forward to next year and to get started again.

**Reports from Other Committees & Boards:**

- 1) James Zachery – Fitness Initiative Team – Nothing at this time.
- 2) Aaron Gurley – Parks Patrol Update – Done until next April. Total of 256 hours logged last six months.
- 3) Carla Sharpe – Amphitheater Update – Reported music group is in the process of picking acts for our 10<sup>th</sup> year. Should be an exciting year ahead.

**Unfinished Business:**

- 1) Swimming Pool Numbers – Sharpe handed out paperwork so all could see figures. Pool numbers were down this year due to loss day due to rain and short season.
- 2) Dog Park Research – Nothing at this time.

**New Business:**

- 1) Ross Winters – Discuss Weddings at Amphitheater – Mr. Winters explained he is engaged to Alisa Henderson and they are looking for a place to do a wedding reception. Would love to have the wedding at the Amphitheater but has been told no alcohol allowed. He was present to ask what he has to do to be able to have alcohol for his wedding at the Amphitheater. He hates to take money out of the county.  
Malson explained alcohol is only allowed during concerts as they have supervision. They have licensed bartenders.  
Winters said he can pay for supervision that night if need be.  
Otte stated it is written somewhere no alcohol in parks.  
Gurley said it is a Park Ordinance, no alcohol in parks with the exception of concerts.  
Winters stated he would love to have an answer in the next couple of weeks.

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Malson stated the City Council would have to change the ordinance and suggested he attend a City Council meeting as the Parks Board does not have the authority to change the ordinance.

Malson stated he feels we need supervision and law enforcement supervision.

Malson suggested Winters attend the next Council meeting.

- 2) Discuss Sponsorship for ARC Wheelchair Bowling – Mathews asked for \$125.00 to Sponsor this event. Stated the Parks Department has sponsored this event for several years. Mathews stated the ARC has been very good to us providing us with money for the concrete sidewalk to the restrooms at the Amphitheater and paid for the handicap swings. He feels this is a way for us to give back. Malson moved to approve the \$125.00 Sponsorship for the ARC Wheelchair Bowling and for it to come out of Non Reverting. Zachery seconded the motion. Motion carried.

Mathews then extended an invitation for all to participate on his team. He said it is really fun and if you would like to bowl to be there at 1:00.

- 3) Discuss Completion of Laughlin Park Shelter – Mathews said if the RCCF awards the Parks Department with the grant to finish the Laughlin Park Shelter he would like to increase the fee to the shelter as we will have heat and air all year and it will be very nice. The board said we will revisit this once we find out we receive the money.
- 4) Discuss Pool Personnel – It was decided to invite Pool Manager Rita Kaster to the January meeting to discuss pool personnel. The January meeting will be held at the Laughlin Park Shelter House.

**Items not known in advance:**

Park Liaison Brad Berkemeier shared with the board there was a meeting held about the former Park Restaurant building. The Mayor would like to encourage the Parks Board’s input. Is looking for the best interest of the community.

Sharpe is to send minutes of park restaurant meetings to Parks Board members.

Do we leave it as is? Move it? Move it where? What to do with it?

Shell structure is valued at \$80-\$90 thousand as is. Been told will be around \$30 thousand to move.

It was decided to not have a meeting in December unless something comes up then a special meeting will be called.

There being no further business, meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

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SUE OTTE, PRESIDENT

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PAUL BARADA, VICE PRESIDENT

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DAVID A. MALSON, MEMBER

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AARON GURLEY, MEMBER

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WILL ST. JOHN MEMBER

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JAMES ZACHERY, MEMBER

ATTEST:

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CARLA SHARPE, SECRETARY